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**TIPPAH BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

**FORTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL SESSION**

HELD WITH

**FELLOWSHIP
BAPTIST CHURCH**

AUGUST 28-30, 1907

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MINUTES OF THE
Forty-Fifth Annual Session
OF THE
Tippah Baptist Association

HELD WITH
Fellowship Baptist Church,
August 28-30, 1907.

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NEXT SESSION.

PLACE.—Beulah, 3 miles north of Myrtle.

TIME.—Wednesday before the first Sunday in Sept. 1908.

PREACHER.—J. E. Buchanan.

ALTERNATE.—W. J. Epting.

OFFICERS.

ELDER W. E. BERRY, Blue Mountain, Moderator.
J. W. CRUMP, Ripley, Route 4, Clerk.
J. P. BYRD, Blue Mountain, Treasurer.

Executive Board.

B. G. Lowrey, Chairman; W. E. Berry, J. E. Buchanan,
J. W. Crump, Geo. Deen, A. H. McAllister,
W. J. Epting, J. P. Byrd.

Order of Business.

1. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
2. Call for petitionary letters.
3. Read Constitution, Abstracts of Faith and Rules of Decorum.
4. Select place of next meeting, and preacher to preach the introductory sermon.
5. Appoint committees.
6. Appoint correspondents.
7. Call for reports.
8. Elect Executive Board.
9. Miscellaneous Business.
10. Call roll and mark absentees.

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THE TIPPAAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION held its Forty-fifth annual session with Fellowship church, beginning August 28th, 1907.

The introductory sermon was preached at 11 o'clock by Eld. W. J. Epting. Text, Prov. 11:30; Theme, Soul Winning. Adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION—1:30 P. M.

The Association was called together by singing "Blessed Assurance." The former Moderator, Eld. W. E. Berry, read a selection from 2nd chapter Eph. Prayer was offered by Eld. J. E. Buchanan.

Eld. W. J. Epting and J. M. Autry were appointed reading clerks. Letters were then read and delegates seated from the following churches: Academy, Ashland, Bethlehem, Beulah, Canaan, Dumas, Fellowship, Flat Rock, Harmony, Lowrey Memorial (Formerly Blue Mountain), Mt. Hebron, Mt. Moriah, Macedonia, Mt. Olive, New Hope, New Prospect, Pine Grove, Pleasant Hill (B), Providence, Ripley, Shady Grove, Union.

Proceeded to permanent organization by electing officers. Election resulted as follows: Eld. W. E. Berry was re-elected Moderator; J. W. Crump re-elected Clerk; J. P. Byrd was elected Treasurer. The "Order of Business" as printed in minutes of last year was adopted for this session.

Invited visiting brethren to seats.

Called for petitionary letters. One was presented from Center Point which church was received as a member of this body.

Called for, and heard, the reading of the Constitution, Abstract of Faith and Rules of Decorum. Selected the place of next meeting of this body and preacher to preach the introductory sermon, with the following results: Beulah, the place; Eld. J. E. Buchanan, with Eld. W. J. Epting alternate, the preacher.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees. On—DEVOTIONS.—Z. Smith, W. W. Anderson, with the deacons of this church.

ORPHANAGE.—Alfred Whitten, Howard Hollis, W. A. Simpson.

SUSTENTATION.—Eld. J. E. Buchanan, J. M. Nance, W. M. Stanford.

PUBLICATIONS.—A. C. Anderson, C. G. Collins, J. W. Gresham.

HOME MISSIONS.—Eld. W. J. Epting, J. H. Lowry, Robt. Lowry.

STATE MISSIONS.—Alfred Whitten, T. M. Gadd, J. T. Balch.
FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Eld. J. E. Buchanan, J. W. Goudy, H. C. McElroy.

LAYMAN'S MOVEMENT.—B. G. Lowrey, L. M. Bynum, J. W. Shackelford.

EDUCATION.—J. E. Brown, H. M. Ratliff, Gaines Bennett.

TEMPERANCE.—Eld. W. G. Thompson, Robt. Ray, J. P. Rainer.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—Thos. Spight, Geo. Byrd, J. M. Scott.

WOMAN'S WORK.—Eld. W. J. Epting, W. R. Gurney, Eld. W. J. Ball.

ENCAMPMENT.—B. G. Lowrey, Geo. Deen, Frank Street.

FINANCE.—J. M. Autry, J. P. Byrd, W. J. Jackson.

Appointed correspondents by adopting the following resolution, presented by J. M. Autry: **RESOLVED**, That any member of this body in good standing who shall visit any other body with which we correspond shall be recognized as a messenger from this body. Elected as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, B. G. Lowrey, with Eld. W. E. Berry alternate. Adjourned to 8:30 tomorrow morning. Prayer by Eld. W. J. Epting.

SECOND DAY—AUG. 29TH, 8:30 A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, Moderator in the chair. Sang "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." The Moderator read some selections from 7th and 8th chapt. Romans. Prayer by Eld. J. E. Buchanan. Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and adopted.

A letter was read and delegates seated from Pleasant Hill (T). Renewed invitation to visiting brethren to seats. Recognized J. E. Byrd of the Sunday School Board; Eld. A. V. Rowe, Secretary State Convention Board; Eld. E. L. Wesson and J. A. Norriss of the Chickasaw Association.

CALLED FOR REPORTS.

The report on Temperance was read by Eld. W. G. Thompson. After discussion by himself, Elds. A. V. Rowe, J. E. Buchanan was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We would most earnestly urge all Christians, especially parents into whose hands God has committed children; That they owe it to their children to live temperate lives. Intemperate parents can't hope to raise temperate children—children inherit the infirmities and habits, to a certain extent, of their parents, still it is not enough to live temperate lives. We must work since the enemy is always awake and will use any and all means legal or illegal to fill his coffers and drag humanity into the slums of vice, degradation and ruin. We are never

safe ourselves with such an enemy ready to decoy us to ruin. We owe it not only to our children, but to our neighbors. There is a woe pronounced against the one who puts the bottle to his neighbor's mouth. One temptation offered by a good man may do more to bring ruin to the young than many offers by the ungodly.

We are under obligations to teach the masses of men, since many have not had this lesson of temperance taught them at home. We ought to impress upon this world that the first step is the dangerous one, and that if you never take it you are safe.

In order that we may fight this battle most successfully, we should elect men of temperate habits and views to office. It pays to belong to the temperance army. The men of the great corporations demand of their employes men of pronounced temperance habits.

W. G. THOMPSON,

ROBERT RAY,

J. P. RAINER, Committee

The report on Home Missions was read by Eld. W. J. Epting; Report on State Missions by Alfred Whitten; That on Foreign Missions by Eld. J. E. Buchanan. These three reports were then jointly discussed by Elds. J. E. Buchanan, W. J. Epting, A. V. Rowe and Alfred Whitten, then adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

There is no more gratifying development in the denomination than the growing interest of Southern Baptists in their home mission work. Leading men among us have of late freely published their conviction that this department of our work is of great strategic importance and should be enlarged without delay. The Southern Baptist Convention at its last session put itself on record to the same effect and unanimously and warmly recommended to the denomination that contributions be doubled for this object this year, the total amount recommended being \$500,000. The following facts will confirm the sound judgement of the Convention:

First, home missions has already done great things for Southern Baptists, Missionaries of the Home Mission Board have made hundreds of thousands of converts, constituted thousands of churches, organized thousands of Sunday Schools, and assisted in establishing the Baptist cause in every state capital of the South, save one, and in thousands of country places. Every state and almost every community has felt the direct or indirect influence of the work and received benefit from it. The record for last year, in independent and co-operative work, was in part, 15,526 baptisms, 13,008 additions to the churches by letter, 237 churches constituted, 309 houses of worship built or improved, 648 Sunday Schools organized. These figures do not include some other statistics and the untabulated influence of 112,604 gospel sermons and addresses and of the exemplary lives of 865 Godly missionaries.

Second, the South presents great home mission need today. Southern cities are multiplying and growing in size and wickedness; floods of foreigners are coming in who must be saved or they will lower our standards of civilization; baneful heresies are being propagated in our midst; vast regions of destitution exist, especially in the Southwest; three thousand homeless churches call to us for shelters under which

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to worship our God; Cuba, the Isle of Pines and Panama hold out appealing hands for the bread of life; the success of our mountain school work, as well as appalling need, encourage enlargement.

What answer will this Association make to these appeals, what will it do with this opportunity and this sacred duty? Your committee recommends, (1), that we as an Association endeavor this year to increase our contributions to home missions in proportion to the advance recommended by the Southern Baptist Convention, which will be 50 per cent over what we did last year; (2) that, in order to inform our people concerning this work and make possible the raising of this amount, pastors and others be requested to secure and circulate among our people the free literature of the Home Board; (3) that the messengers of each church in the Association be requested to secure at once a club of at least ten new subscribers to Our Home Field, the beautiful 36 page magazine published by the Home Board at 25c a year; and (4) that we encourage our women to co-operate with the Woman's Missionary Union of the South in raising the \$75,000, which the Union proposes to secure for home missions this year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. EPTING,
J. H. LOWRY,

Committee.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee on State Missions submit the following report: Realizing that the past Associational year has been the best on record in the history of the State Mission Board, we feel the necessity of pushing forward in the work. The progress this Board has made only emphasizes its importance. We are deeply in sympathy with all other Mission Boards and our desire is that each one may have God's richest blessing bestowed upon it. But when we think of the thousands of souls within the bounds of our own dear state, who know not the Savior in the forgiveness of their sins, we naturally incline our ears to their cry and plead for a continuation of past efforts in its behalf.

The building that is calculated to stand the storms must necessarily have a broad foundation upon which it may stand. So must the cause of missions. Therefore, let us seek the lost of our own state and carry to them a message of a dying Savior's love, that they may help in this stupendous work abroad. We, therefore, recommend that each church in this Association awaken to the great importance of the State Mission Board, and that when the time comes for State Mission collection they give two dollars where they have been giving one.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED WHITTEN,
T. M. GADD,
J. T. BALCH.

Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The spirit of Missions is of Heavenly birth. The first Missionary ever sent out was Jesus Christ. He was sent of the Father as an evangel of mercy into this world. Having done his work as sacrificed teacher and exemplar he returned to his Father; He has left the missionary spirit with all of his true subjects—committed the work into their hands.

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"The field is the world." As my Father hath sent me even so I send you, says the Master. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature;" and lo, I am with you even unto the end of the world. Happy the christian—God blessed the church—that is obey in the command. Our foreign mission work has been greatly blessed of the Lord during the past year. Never such open doors; never such hope and enthusiasm among the workers; never so many baptisms; never so many churches responded to the work in the home-land. Never so large amounts given by churches and individuals as during the past year. Some churches are giving up in the thousands for this work; many are giving the cost of a native preacher—\$100; some the cost of a missionary—\$600; many other churches ought to do as well. But with all this, as a denomination, we are not doing our duty. Your committee notes with pleasure an increase in the number of churches in our Association that are giving to this work. All ought to give. None should fail. As Southern Baptists we have on the foreign field 500 workers, they report 2,239 baptisms and the membership of our churches in foreign lands number 14,437. To support this work the Baptists of the South gave last year \$403,811.54. Of this amount Mississippi gave \$25,719.61. The expense of handling this fund was less than 9 cents on the dollar. If you gave \$1.00, 91 cents of it reached the missionary. But, brethren, with this splendid showing we are but playing at this great work. May the God of mercies stir the hearts of his people and move among his churches that we may meet more fully our obligations to a lost world.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. BUCHANAN,
W. J. GOUDY,
H. C. McELROY.

The report on Publications was made special for 1:30; the report on Sunday Schools for 2:30; and the report on Layman's Movement for 3:30 o'clock p. m. Adjourned to 1:30 p. m. Prayer by Eld. E. L. Wesson.

EVENING SESSION—1:30 P. M.

The Association was called together by singing "Happy Day." Prayer was offered by Frank Street. A letter was read from Pleasant Hill (T).

The report on Publications which was made special for this hour was read by A. C. Anderson. After being discussed by himself, Elds. W. E. Berry, W. G. Thompson, E. L. Wesson and B. G. Lowrey, this report was adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee on Publications offer the following report: Some one has said that speaking makes a ready man, writing a correct man and reading a full man. It is better not to read at all than to read hurtful literature. Therefore we would emphasize the importance of good literature, the books and papers we read have much to do with

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what we are. As we view the situation we are too ignorant of the workings of our denomination and too easily satisfied with the character of the reading matter that comes into our homes. The Bible is the Book, and it is not read and revered as it should be. For our young people we would recommend that every church in this Association provide a good library for the young people to read. A twenty-five or thirty volume library can be furnished by any church in this Association, and it has been found by those churches that have tried it to be very helpful, and is a class of reading that the young people seek after. It stimulates a desire for information on the part of our young people.

In this report we deem it necessary to call special attention to hymn books. The influence of song is perhaps next to that of reading. We recommend that our churches select such song books as are in line with the soundest interpretation of the Scriptures. As to papers we recommend the following: First, our own State paper, the Baptist Record, which is essential to the fullest and highest development of all work in the State; The Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., at 25cts; Home Field, published at Atlanta, Ga., 25c a year; Orphanage Gem, and our own Sunday School literature. With the Bible, a sound song book and these publications our people are equipped for the efficient service in the Master's cause.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. ANDERSON,
CHAS. COLLINS,
J. W. GRESHAM,

Committee.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Thos. Spight. Spoken to by himself, J. E. Byrd and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We believe the Bible School or teaching service of the church is a service that no church can afford to neglect without much loss in many ways. The authority for such a service is thoroughly warranted by the following Scriptures, viz: Matt. 4:23 and 28—19 to 20, Acts 13:1, Eph. 4:11 and many others.

We make the following suggestions, viz:—(1) That each pastor in this Association has an evergreen Sunday School in each of his churches. (2) That the Superintendents lead their schools in systematic giving to all our causes. (3) That each church look to training its own teaching force by securing helps, by arranging for a list of institutes to be conducted by the Sunday School Missionary, (which the pastors, superintendents and teachers are urged to attend) and getting their superintendents and teachers to attend the Encampment at Blue Mountain.

We make the above suggestions because our people need to be taught God's word and to do this we must have teachers.

THO. SPIGHT,
G. M. BYRD,
J. M. SCOTT,

Committee.

The following resolution, which was presented by Eld. J. E. Buchanan, was unanimously adopted:

Whereas the question of statutory prohibition is now agitating the minds of temperance people in our great state; therefore, be it

Resolved, That statutory prohibition is desirable legislation, and, as an Association, we ask and urge our representatives from this section, senators and floater-representatives and legislators to give their influence to such an enactment.

Resolved, 2d, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Clerk to each of the above named representatives.

The report on the Layman's Movement was read by B. G. Lowrey. After discussion by himself this report was adopted.

REPORT ON LAYMAN'S MOVEMENT.

Most of our Baptist churches of today are like an army of men lying back in safe retreat waiting for the officers to fight the battle. To insure victory to an army every man needs to do his duty. We sing "Am I a soldier of the cross?" but how many members of the Lord's army are really on the battle line.

The great need of the churches today is to enlist the laymen. As one very important means to this end we recommend that our pastors and people co-operate heartily in the Layman's Movement which has been taken hold of so vigorously by our Southern and State Convention, and is to be pressed in all the associations of our State.

B. G. LOWREY,
J. W. SHACKELFORD,
L. M. BYNUM.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Prayer was offered by B. G. Lowrey.

THIRD DAY—AUG. 30TH, 9 A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read 91st Psalm. Prayer by W. R. Gurney. Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

Moved by Eld. W. G. Thompson that we suspend the regular "Order of Business" to elect the Executive Board. Eld. W. J. Epting was elected instead of Eld. J. N. McMillin who has gone; J. P. Byrd the incoming Treasurer in place of J. W. Gresham; the other members of the old board were re-elected.

Arranged for 5th Sunday meetings in September at Canaan and Providence.

Resumed "Order of Business," calling for reports.

The report on Woman's Work was read by Eld. W. J. Epting. After being discussed by himself, Elds. J. E. Buchanan and W. E. Berry this report was adopted, Decided, on motion of Eld. W. E. Berry, to appoint, as a standing committee,

to carry into effect the suggestions in this report the following sisters:—I. P. Lansdale, Lylie Robinson, Maud McKinstry.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The Women of the Southern Baptist Convention have aided materially in all the work of our churches. The Woman's Missionary Union has done, and is doing more to help struggling frontier missionaries than any other organization. A great many of these frontier missionaries are not getting more than one hundred dollars salary, and the good women have realized the impossibility of a preacher supporting a family on so small a salary, hence they have fallen on the plan of sending boxes to these missionaries, these boxes contain clothing, etc., in fact anything that can be used in the home. The State Secretary of the W. M. U., whose home is at Meridian, Miss., will furnish name and address of frontier missionaries, giving size of family, size of clothing worn, etc. We, your committee, therefore urge

1st, That in each church the ladies make an effort to organize a missionary society.

2nd, That the ladies of this Association be asked to co-operate with the W. M. U. of the State.

3rd, That the women of this Association be requested to secure the name and address of a frontier missionary from the State Secretary, and that a box be sent to the same.

So far as we have been able to find there are only three churches in the Association where the ladies have societies. At Ripley the ladies have adopted a child in the Orphanage and are caring for it; they also gave \$50.00 on the pastor's home. At Blue Mountain the ladies have seated the church at an expense of about \$800.00. \$750.00 of this amount has been raised; the ladies did it by sewing, picking cotton, lunch stands, etc. At Union the ladies are raising money to help build a new church, in fact they aid materially in all the work of the church.

W. J. EPTING,
W. R. GURNEY,
Committee

The report on Sustentation was read by Eld. J. E. Buchanan, discussed by himself and adopted.

REPORT ON SUSTENTATION.

There is no work that appeals to christian sympathy and help, when properly thought of, more than does the work of caring for our old worn out preachers or their widows—men who have given their lives to the preaching of the Gospel and have come to old age; now unable to work, and yet with nothing to go upon. We have none of this class in our immediate bounds, but in our State there are 15 with some others soon to be added who are receiving help from our State Board. 2 widows in our section have been receiving help, to-wit: Old Sister Baswell, now gone to glory, and Sister Grammer, who has been living temporarily at Blue Mountain.

Our churches have been neglecting this duty. Your committee recommend that we no longer forget the needs of these worthy objects, but in our churches make an annual offering.

Respectfully,

J. E. BUCHANAN.

The report on the Orphanage was read by Eld. W. E. Berry. Spoken to by himself, J. W. Gresham. Pending this discussion, adjourned for preaching. Prayer by J. Finch Ray. Sermond by Eld. J. E. Buchanan from Eph. 5:30 Theme: The union existing between Christ and the believer. At the close of the sermon, took up a cash collection for Sustentation and the Orphanage amounting to \$25.05. Prayer by Eld. W. E. Berry.

EVENING SESSION—1:30 P. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, being called together by singing. Prayer was offered, led by Eld. W. G. Thompson. Called the report on the Orphanage, which report was adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Remembering that God has commanded us to visit the orphans, we deem it necessary to provide a place for those who have been so unfortunate as to lose their parents. This the Baptist denomination of Mississippi has provided for, by establishing an Orphanage at Jackson. Of all the charitable institutions of our State we believe this to be the most important. During the past year the Orphanage has been wonderfully blest. That faithful and energetic Brother, Rev. J. R. Carter, has ever been attentive to every interest of this home, and since his connection with the Orphanage many improvements have been made. At present there are about 120 children in the home and during the last year they have enjoyed splendid health.

The most important feature connected with this home during the past year was the building of the new Baby Cottage. This building is for the small children. It is a two story, brick structure, containing nine or ten rooms; and the beauty of this undertaking was that the larger boys of the home aided in its construction, thereby greatly reducing the cost. It will be ready to occupy by September 15th.

Respectfully submitted by committee,

ALFRED WHITTEN,

W. A. SIMPSON,

H. D. HOLLIS,

Committee.

The report on Finance was read by J. M. Autry and adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows:

Academy.....	\$2 00	Mt. Moriah.....	\$ 70
Ashland.....	1 00	New Prospect.....	50
Blue Mountain.....	3 50	New Macedonia.....	1 50
Beulah.....	1 20	New Hope.....	1 25
Bethlehem.....	1 05	Providence.....	40
Canaan.....	1 25	Pine Grove.....	1 00
Center Point.....	70	Pleasant Hill (B).....	1 25
Dumas.....	1 50	Pleasant Hill (T).....	50
Fellowship.....	1 20	Ripley.....	2 50
Flat Rock.....	1 40	Shady Grove.....	50
Harmony.....	1 15	Lebanon.....	50
Hickory Flat.....	50	Union.....	1 50
Mt. Olive.....	35		
Mt. Hebron.....	60	Total.....	\$29 50

J. M. AUTRY,
J. P. BYRD,
W. J. JACKSON,
Committee.

The report on Encampment was read by B. G. Lowrey. Discussed by himself and adopted.

REPORT ON ENCAMPMENT.

The B. Y. P. U. Encampment now holding its annual meetings at Blue Mountain had its origin in the Baptist Young Peoples Union Convention of the State; but its scope is now enlarged to include Sunday School work, general Bible study, and general evangelistic or soul-winning work.

Especially now with the new layman's movement on hand, this meeting coming annually, in the bounds of our own Association ought to be turned to great purpose for our local development. It gives great opportunity for the inspiration and instruction of our pastors and people,—an opportunity which we have no right to neglect. We recommend

1st. That each church try to have some of its laymen attend each session of the Encampment.

2nd. That every church try to send its pastor.

3rd. That churches and pastors try to so arrange as to prevent any conflict between the time of this meeting and the protracted meetings, or any other special meetings of our churches.

B. G. LOWREY,
G. W. DEEN,
H. A. STREET.

The report on Education was called, but was not presented, as this committee and its report were not present.

The Treasurer read his report which was corrected and adopted.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

ORPHANAGE COLLECTION FOR YEAR 1905-6.

Aug. 31st, 1906—To collection at Canaan Association	\$36.40
“ “ “ “ Bethlehem ch. by G. W. Chamness	.40
“ “ “ “ amount rec'd of former Treasurer	1.25
Sept. 9th, “ “ “ of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Drennan	.75
Sept. 13, 1906—To amount rec'd of Ashland church	4.00

Total.....\$42.80

Sept. 26th, 1906—By amount paid J. R. Carter.....\$42.80

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. GRESHAM, Treasurer.

1906-7. CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State and Association- al Missions.	Orphanage	Storm-swept Churches.	Sustenta- tion.	Total.
Academy.....	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.65	\$ 6.50	\$ 3.00	\$	\$	\$ 30.15
Ashland.....	10.25	10.25	10.00	10.00	.....	.....	40.50
Blue Mountain...	127.25	115.00	144.99	90.00	.....	17.85	495.09
Canaan.....	3.60	3.60	.....	3.00	3.00	.....	13.20
Flat Rock.....	6.50	6.50	.....	2.30	.....	.....	15.30
Hickory Flat.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....	3.00
New Macedonia...	11.50	8.80	4.35	5.00	.....	.....	24.65
Pine Grove.....	4.25	4.00	.....	.25	.....	.....	8.50
Pleasant Hill (B)	3.00	3.00	1.10	.....	.....	.....	7.10
Providence.....	.....	.....	18.25	.....	.....	.....	18.25
New Prospect.....	.....	2.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.50
Mt. Olive.....	1.65	1.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.15
Bethlehem.....	5.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.80
Harmony.....	.....	.....	.....	6.12	.....	.....	6.12
Mt. Hebron.....	.....	.....	.75	.75	.....	.....	1.50
New Hope.....	2.50	2.50	5.00	.....	.....	.....	10.00
Pleasant Hill (T)	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	2.00
Mt. Moriah.....	.....	.....	6.50	.....	.....	.....	6.50
Fellowship.....	.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.15
Lebanon.....	.....	.....	1.90	.....	.....	.....	1.90
Total.....	\$ 187.45	\$ 169.30	\$ 202.34	\$120.42	\$3.00	\$17.85	\$700.36

Paid A. V. Rowe.....\$479.34

“ J. R. Carter.....95.30

“ R. J. Willingham.....25.00

“ J. E. Buchanan.....7.50

Balance on hand.....93.22

Total.....\$ 700.36

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. GRESHAM, Treasurer.

No written report of the Executive Board being prepared, the chairman made a verbal report, with promise of a written report to follow.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

At the meeting of the Association at Canaan in 1906, the body instructed the Board to employ a missionary. Accordingly the Board employed Rev. J. E. Buchanan to give half his time to mission work in our borders, agreeing to pay him \$300.00 for the year. After two months of service, Brother Buchanan tendered his resignation, accepting \$35.00 for the two months service.

The Board knew of no other such able man available, and so it seemed best to give up for the time the plan of employing an associational missionary; and spend the means at command in helping weak churches to employ pastors for the year.

In accordance with this plan we have helped three churches—Mt. Moriah, Mt. Hebron and Curtis Creek. To each of these churches we agreed to give \$30.00 in case they would raise the same amount, or dollar for dollar for whatever they raised below that amount. The final settlements have not been made, as the year is not yet ended, and we do not yet know what each church has done.

The Board also arranged a fifth Sunday Meeting at Harmony church in March; which on account of the rainy weather did not have just the success we might have hoped.

B. G. LOWREY, Chairman.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved 1st, That the thanks of this body are hereby returned to this church and community for their unstinted and elegant hospitality extended to us, and we assure them that the same has been most heartily enjoyed.

2d. That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer for faithful services rendered, and that the Clerk is instructed to take \$10.00 from the fund for minutes for his services.

The roll of delegates was called and absentees marked. The Minutes of the day were read and adopted.

Adjourned by singing "How Firm a Foundation", during which we extended to each other the parting hand.

The closing prayer was offered by Eld. W. J. Epting.

ELD. W. E. BERRY, Moderator.

J. W. CRUMP, Clerk.

HISTORICAL TABLE.

This body was organized at Ripley, Miss., on October 27, 1860, with the following churches: Mt. Comfort, Hopewell, Beulah, Canaan, Macedonia, Pleasant Hill (T), Ripley, Union and Zion Hill.

Year	Number	Places.	Moderators.	Clerks.	Treasurers.	Chairman Executive Boards.	Preachers.
1860	1	Ripley	A. Goodwin,	J. E. Rogers,	S. R. Spight,		Ambrose Ray
1861	2	Beulah	"	"	"		A. G. Parrott
1865	3	Canaan	"	"	H. Garrett,	J. M. McDonald,	Ambrose Ray
1866	4	Union	M. P. Lowrey	"	"	"	A. G. Parrott
1867	5	Pleasant Hill (B)	Ambrose Ray	"	"	"	A. G. Parrott
1868	6	Ripley	M. P. Lowrey	"	"	"	J. W. Johnson
1869	7	Pleasant Hill (T)	"	"	J. J. Guyton,	"	L. P. Cossitt
1870	8	Unity	A. G. Parrott	"	"	"	A. G. Parrott
1871	9	Academy	"	"	"	"	M. P. Lowrey
1872	10	Flat Rock	"	N. S. Watson,	"	"	J. W. Sanford
1873	11	Harmony	"	Thos. Spight,	"	Thos. Spight,	J. W. Skinner
1874	12	Beulah	"	"	"	"	J. D. Anderson
1875	13	Mt. Moriah	M. P. Lowrey	"	"	L. Ball,	M. P. Lowrey
1876	14	Canaan	"	"	"	"	L. Ball
1877	15	Chewalla	"	"	"	"	L. P. Cossitt
1878	16	Fellowship	"	O. F. Ray,	"	"	L. Ball
1879	17	New Hope	"	"	"	"	W. E. Berry
1880	18	Union	"	W. O. Rutherford,	"	"	L. T. Ray
1881	19	Blue Mountain	L. Ball,	"	"	W. E. Berry,	M. P. Lowrey
1882	20	Ashland	M. P. Lowrey	"	"	"	H. M. Long
1883	21	Ripley	"	"	"	"	E. L. Wesson
1884	22	Providence	"	"	C. J. Fredrick,	"	J. E. Buchanan
1885	23	New Prospect	L. P. Cossitt,	J. W. Crump,	"	"	

HISTORICAL TABLE, CONTINUED.

1886/24 Clear Creek.....	L. P. Cossitt,	J. W. Crump,	J. J. Guyton,	W. E. Berry,	W. G. Thompson
1887/25 Bluff Springs.....	"	"	W. H. M. Durham,	"	J. H. Shackelford
1888/26 Canaan.....	W. G. Thompson	"	"	"	G. W. Floyd
1889/27 Beulah.....	"	"	"	"	W. M. Gadd
1890/28 Fellowship.....	L. P. Cossitt,	"	J. S. Gillentine,	"	M. Gillean
1891/29 Oaklimer.....	W. E. Berry,	"	"	"	W. T. Lowrey
1892/30 Falkner.....	"	"	J. N. McMillin,	"	J. N. McMillin
1893/31 Shady Grove.....	"	"	"	W. T. Lowrey,	St. Clair Lawrence
1894/32 Union.....	"	"	"	J. F. Guyton,	St. Clair Lawrence
1895/33 Ripley.....	"	"	"	"	J. N. McMillin
1896/34 Blue Mountain.....	"	"	J. Frank Ray,	"	J. C. Swaim
1897/35 Pleasant Hill (B)	"	"	"	W. E. Berry,	St. Clair Lawrence
1898/36 Hickory Flat.....	"	"	"	"	W. E. Berry
1899/37 Ashland.....	"	"	"	"	M. Gillean
1900/38 Beulah.....	"	"	"	"	J. R. Carter
1901/39 Providence.....	"	"	J. A. Norriss,	J. R. Carter,	W. E. Berry
1902/40 Mt. Moriah.....	"	"	"	"	J. A. Autry
1903/41 Pine Grove.....	"	"	"	"	J. N. McMillin
1904/42 Academy.....	"	"	"	J. L. Wilson,	J. L. Wilson
1905/43 Flat Rock.....	"	"	"	"	J. N. McMillin
1906/44 Canaan.....	"	"	A. L. Collins,	J. E. Buchanan,	J. E. Buchanan
1907/45 Fellowship.....	"	"	J. W. Gresham,	B. G. Lowrey,	W. J. Epting
	"	"	J. P. Byrd,	"	

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

POSTOFFICE.

NAME.	
Martin, T. T.	Blue Mountain, Miss
Autry, J. A.	Pine Grove, Miss
Ball, W. J.	Myrtle, Miss.
Barnes, W. C.	Hickory Flat, Miss.
Berry, W. E.	Blue Mountain, Miss.
Buchanan, J. E.	Blue Mountain, Miss.
Carmichael, L. F.	Mitchel, Miss.
Caviniss, W. P.	Falkner, Miss.
Cox, J. T.	Hickory Flat, Miss.
Epting, W. J.	Ripley, Miss.
Eubanks, E. J.	Jonesboro, Miss.
Gillelan, M.	Ashland, Miss.
Lipford, H. F.	Ashland, Miss.
Pearce, Joseph.	Ripley, Miss.
Thompson, W. G.	Blue Mountain, Miss.
Vandiver, A. C.	Mitchell, Miss.
West, D. C.	Ashland, Miss.
Whitten, H. L.	Ripley, Miss.
Houston, W. E.	Ashland, Miss.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Tippah Baptist Association.

Art. 2. It shall be composed of persons who shall be duly elected delegates by the respective churches belonging to this union. The Moderator Clerk and Executive Board shall be ex-officio members of the next session.

Art. 3. The delegates representing the different churches shall, at the opening of each Association, present letters specifying their appointments, and also showing the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored and died during the year, with the whole number in fellowship.

Art. 4. Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates until they number over fifty members, and then one for each fifty over that number.

Art. 5. Churches of this union failing to represent themselves for three successive meetings shall be considered as dropped by the Association.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this body by signifying their wishes by letter and delegates, provided these be orthodox and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.

Art. 7. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting (by private ballot) so soon as the letters from the churches are read and members names enrolled.

Art. 8. This body shall have no power to adopt rules that shall infringe upon the independence and rights of churches, yet it may drop such churches as may become disorderly either in doctrine or discipline.

Art. 9. This body shall have a fund for its expenses, and churches may send up funds for Domestic and Foreign Missions or for the Bible cause. This Association will take charge of such funds and appropriate them as designated by the churches.

Art. 10. If any church have a difficulty with another church, we advise them to take steps laid down in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, and no difficulty between churches shall be entertained by this body unless such steps have been taken.

Art. 11. When churches of this union have gifts which they deem worthy of ordination, we advise them to call on sister churches for two or more ministers to set apart such gifts to the work of the gospel ministry, according to the New Testament, and we advise all presbyteries in the ordination of ministers and deacons and the constitution of churches to be governed by the abstract of principles of this Association.

Art. 12. This Association shall correspond with sister Associations of the same faith and order.

Art. 13. The minutes of this body shall be read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session closes. No session shall adjourn, unless in extraordinary cases, until it has finished all its business.

Art. 14. The Association shall have an Executive Board, consisting of the Treasurer, Clerk and six other members, who shall be chosen annually.

Art. 15. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the members present.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

1. We believe in only one living and true God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost—and these three are one.

2. We believe the Bible to be the word of God, and it is our only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the total depravity of human nature, and that man is dead in trespasses and in sins.

4. We believe that salvation is the gift of God by grace, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that sinners are justified in the sight of God alone by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, which is with them that believe.

5. We believe in the doctrine of election—that God has from the beginning chosen us to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth.

6. We believe that the Holy Spirit accompanies the word of God in the salvation of man, in answer to prayer of Christians.

7. We believe in the final preservation of the saints and that all who truly believe shall be eternally saved.

8. We believe in baptism by immersion alone, and that none but true believers are proper subjects for the ordinance, and that none but regularly baptized and ordained ministers have a right to administer it, and that it is a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper, and that all who come to the Lord's table must come according to the Lord's word.

9. We believe that a gospel church is a band of true believers in Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of their faith in Him, and that there are but two officers in the church, the elder or pastor and deacon.

10. We believe it to be the duty of each church to extend and circulate the word of God as far as their means will enable them to do so.

11. We believe in the New Testament doctrine of Missions: That the great commission given to the disciples of Christ before His ascension, as recorded in Matthew 28:18-20, is obligatory upon the disciples of every generation; that the chief business of a church in the world is to give the gospel to the world; that it is the solemn duty, and the exalted privilege to every believer to extend the Master's Kingdom by prayer, by personal effort, and by the giving of money to the propagation of the gospel throughout the world.

12. We believe in the resurrection of the bodies of men, and in a future and general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.
2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present by private ballot.
3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.
4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but shall not vote unless his vote is necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak he shall call some brother to the chair.
5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall call for a vote, and if a call for a division be made it shall be decided by the members rising.
6. Any member desiring to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member will be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflections.
7. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.
8. All subjects introduced for discussion shall be disposed of before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and the Association.
9. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches, when a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.
10. The names of members shall be called when the Association shall direct and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.
11. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in addressing each other and only Scripture titles in our minutes.
12. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to reproof by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.
13. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

CONTRIBUTION OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Church Expenses.	Pastor's Salary.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Orphanage.	Sunday Schools.	Other Benevolence.	Aggregate.
Academy.....	\$105.00		\$ 10 00	\$ 10 65	\$ 6 50	\$ 3 00			\$ 135 15
Ashland.....	15.00	\$ 150.00	10 25	10 25	10 00	10 00	\$ 10 00		215 25
Bethlehem.....	.50				5 80				6 30
Beulah.....	1.20		15 35	20 00					36 55
Canaan.....	1.25		3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00			13 25
Center Point.....	.70								.70
Curtis Creek.....									
Dumas.....		28.45	4 50	4 50					37 45
Falkner.....									
Fellowship.....	27.50	100.00	5 00						132 50
Flat Rock.....	1.70	50.00	6 50	6 50		1 00	1 90		74 10
Harmony.....	1.15	73.00	5 00	5 00		6 12			90 27
Hickory Flat.....									
Lebanon.....	2.40								2 40
Lowrey Memorial	115.76	388.68	127 25	115 00	144 99	90 00	52 39	\$17 85	1051 92
Macedonia.....	14.65	50.00	11 50	8 00	4 35	5 00	2 75		96 25
Mt. Hebron.....	.60	50.00		.75		.75			52 10
Mt. Moriah.....	.70				6 50				7 20
Mt. Olive.....	.35		1 65		1 50				3 50
New Hope.....	.65		2 50	2 50	5 00		2 00		12 65
New Prospect.....	.50			2 50					3 00
Oaklimer.....									
Oak Grove.....									
Pine Grove.....	1.25		5 00	3 25	2 25	.25			18 40
Pleasant Hill (T)	.50				2 00				2 50
Pleasant Hill (B)	1.25			1 00					2 25
Providence.....	99.10	150.00	41 90	28 45	9 15				328 60
Ripley.....		300.00	60 45	21 71	15 59	17 40	45 00		538 05
Shady Grove.....	.50		8 00	8 00					16 50
Union.....	35.00	200.00	42 72	42 72	9 55	9 23	8 13		347 35
Total.....	\$557.41	\$1540.13	\$353.27	\$273.78	\$226.18	\$145.77	\$122.17	\$17 85	\$3224.19

NOTE—Hickory Flat contributed \$3.00 for Foreign Missions, \$5.00 for Home Missions, \$3.60 for Orphanage and 50cts for minutes, which is not included in any of the reports.—Publishers.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

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3273.71

Other Benevolence.	Aggregate.
135 15	135 15
215 25	215 25
6 30	6 30
36 55	36 55
13 25	13 25
70	70
37 45	37 45
132 50	132 50
74 10	74 10
90 27	90 27
2 40	2 40
1051 92	1051 92
96 25	96 25
52 10	52 10
7 20	7 20
3 50	3 50
12 65	12 65
3 00	3 00
18 40	18 40
2 50	2 50
2 25	2 25
328 60	328 60
538 05	538 05
16 50	16 50
347 35	347 35
\$17 85	\$3224.19

\$5.00 for Home included in any

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	PASTOR.	POST-OFFICE.	TIME OF MEETING.	By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Restor'n.	Increase	Decrease	By Exclusion.	By Death.	Total Membership.
Academy.	H M Ratliff, H C McElroy, M Bumpass.	W. J. Epting.	Ripley.	2d Sunday.	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	92
Ashland S S.	J H Lowry.	J. E. Buchanan.	Ashland.	4th	5	5	1	5	1	1	1	62
Bethlehem.	J P Rainer.	H L Whitten.	Ashland.	1st	4	4	1	5	1	1	1	36
Bulah S S.	J W Shackelford, Tom Benefield, C G Collins.	I P Randolph.	Myrtle.	1st	4	4	1	5	1	1	1	118
Bluff Springs S S.	Not represented.	W E Houston.	Tippah.	2d	5	1	1	1	2	2	2	78
Canaan S S.	L M Bynum, J E Aldredge.	J A Autry.	Canaan.	2d	5	1	1	1	2	2	2	67
Center Point.	W J Martin, J F Barnes, W J Prather.	J T Cox.	Hickory Flat.	1st	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	29
Chewalla.	Not represented.	J A Bell.	Higdon.	1st	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	34
Curtis Creek.	Not represented.	J A Autry.	Spight.	4th	11	11	3	3	1	1	1	48
Dumas S S.	Elias Aldredge, F A Street, W W Anderson.	W J Epting.	Dumas.	1st	11	11	3	3	1	1	1	60
Falkner.	Not represented.	E J Eubanks.	Falkner.	1st	11	11	3	3	1	1	1	78
Fellowship.	W H Duncan, W M Stanford, F E Hodges, W M Medlin, R W Hodges.	W J Epting.	Ripley, Route 1.	1st Sunday.	6	6	3	3	1	1	1	158
Flat Rock S S.	J M Chism, T M Gadd.	W E Berry.	Blue Mountain.	1st Sunday.	8	8	1	1	1	1	1	149
Harmony.	Represented by letter only.	E J Eubanks.	Walnut.	2d	17	17	4	4	5	5	5	148
Hickory Flat S S.	Represented by letter only.	J A Autry.	Hickory Flat.	1st	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31
Lebanon.	Represented by letter only.	H L Whitten.	Silver Springs.	4th Sunday.	11	11	1	1	1	1	1	41
Lowrey Memorial S S.	J P Byrd, J E Brown, W J Goudy, J M Nance, Wm Gurney, W G Thompson, J E Buchanan.	W E Berry.	Blue Mountain.	3rd Sunday.	34	44	48	48	4	4	4	379
Macedonia S S.	Jas Harrington, Joe Goudy.	W E Berry.	Blue Mountain.	3rd Sunday.	10	6	2	2	2	2	2	73
Mt. Hebron.	L L Mohondro, E F Dunn.	None.	Mitchell.	2d Sunday.	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	19
Mt. Moriah.	Wayman Covington, Robt Lowrey.	Lunsford Wages.	Ashland.	2d Sunday.	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	24
Mt. Olive.	Z Smith, Andy Mullikin.	H L Whitten.	Ashland.	2d Sunday.	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	58
New Hope S S.	J T Balch, Ellis Smith, R H Davis.	None.	Laird.	2d Sunday.	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	98
New Prospect.	J B Maddox, J M Scott.	None.	Laird.	2d Sunday.	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	35
Oaklimeter.	Not represented.	None.	Laird.	2d Sunday.	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	35
Oak Grove.	Not represented.	None.	Laird.	2d Sunday.	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	35
Pine Grove.	J M Autry, R W Baughman.	W J Ball.	Hickory Flat.	3rd Sunday.	6	6	2	2	1	1	1	34
Pleasant Hill (T).	Represented by letter only.	A A Autry.	Pine Grove.	3rd Sunday.	6	6	2	2	1	1	1	111
Pleasant Hill (B) S S.	W A Simpson.	A L Spencer.	Ripley, Route 1.	1st Sunday.	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	48
Providence S S.	Robt Ray.	W E Houston.	Ashland, Route 2.	1st Sunday.	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	47
Ripley S S.	W J Epting, Thos Spight.	J E Buchanan.	Ocala.	1st Sunday.	35	22	1	1	1	1	1	176
Shady Grove S S.	Represented by letter only.	W J Epting.	Ripley.	3rd Sunday.	35	22	1	1	1	1	1	118
Union S S.	J W Byrd, J Finch Ray, H D Hollis.	W I Hargis.	Ripley, Route 4.	3rd Sunday.	10	4	4	4	4	4	4	107
			Chalyteate.	4th	10	4	4	4	4	4	4	157
					169	101	3	100				

*Number reported last year. Churches marked thus (S S) have a Sunday School.

